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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON WILLIAM ROGERS' VISION ARTICLE

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1. TWO SIGNED ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED IN LA PAZ NEWSPAPERS COMMENTING ON ROGERS' VISION ARTICLE. THE FIRST BY FERNANDO DIEZ DE MEDINA, AUTHOR AND FORMER ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT BARRIENTOS, AGREES EMPHATICALLY WITH ROGERS' THESIS THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE OAS; HOWEVER, IT EFFECTIVELY POINTS OUT THAT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO CREATE A FEELING OF COHESIVENESS AMONG " SOUTH AMERICAN" NATIONS; I. E., ALL THE AMERICAS EXCEPT THE U. S. AND CANADA. HE SUGGESTS THAT THIS NEW ORGANIZATION BE CALLED THE ORGANIZATION OF SOUTH AMERICAN STATES AND DEVELOP UNIFIED CURRENCY, BANKING AND, EVENTUALLY, POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

2. THE RESPECTED DIPLOMAT AND AUTHOR, WALTER MONTENEGRO, SUGGESTS THAT RATHER THAN HAVING THE UNITED STATES LEAVE THE OAS, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO FORM A BLOCK OF LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS TO FORCE THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER POWERFUL COUNTRIES TO " THINK TWICE BEFORE COMMITTING AN ABUSE" OF POWER. HE POINTS OUT THAT MANY COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE OAS INDICATE A
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MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IS
AND WHAT IT IS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH. HE POINTS OUT THAT
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CANNOT RESOLVE BILATERAL CONFLICTS
UNLESS THEY EJECT ONE OF THE LITIGANTS AND STATES HEGEMONY OF ONE
NATION OVER OTHERS WITHIN AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION HAS
NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ORGANIZATION BUT RATHER WITH THE
ECONOMIC POWER AND SIZE OF THE COUNTRY. HE CONCLUDES THAT
NATIONS CAN, IN SOME CASES, SUCH AS IN INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, LIMIT AND DIMINISH HEGEMONY BY FORCING THE
LARGE COUNTRIES TO GIVE EXPLANATIONS OF THEIR ACTIONS, TO
JUSTIFY THEIR POLICIES AND TO VOTE EQUALLY WITH EVEN THE
SMALLEST NATIONS.
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